Payment of re-admission fee by the AISE Class X qualified students

847. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a student on being qualified in "All India Secondary Examination" (AISE for class X) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) requires readmission in Class XI in the same school (Govt. recognised/registered through regular interview and other selection procedures;

(b) whether it is a fact that in various Schools of Delhi, students need to deposit a large sum of money, ranging from Rs. 2500 to Rs. 5000 for such readmission in class XI in the same School; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to simplify the system suitably and instruct relevant school authorities, so that a student, qualified in AISE examination for Class X, can be admitted to class XI in the same school automatically by depositing normal tuition fees and other annual charges etc. and thus avoiding harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such complaint is on the record of the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration.

(c) Does not arise.

Publication of research articles on electronics and computer technology

848. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of research articles on electronics and computer technology are being published in India and abroad and their number is continuously increasing in view of the wide horizons open to this technology, if so, the average number of such articles published per month;

(b) whether there is a need for such articles being published in Hindi (originally written in Hindi and some may be translated ones), so that research vistas in India may be widened for larger openings; and

(c) whether the Department of Electronics propose to help in widening of such research work by starting a journal of electronic and computer sciences research in Hindi; if so, the outline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. As such articles are being published in a large number of periodicals and magazines, it is difficult to assess the average number of such articles published per month.

(b) and (c) Publications of research articles in Hindi and their translation will help to widen the research base. Steps have been taken by Department of Electronics to bring out information in Hindi, relating to policy on electronics technology as also those relating to contemporary research and development taking place around the world. The Department has been publishing a quarterly journal viz. Electroniki Bharati in Hindi which *inter-alia* contains scientific and technical articles.

Setting up of Information Network

849. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an information network in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India set up the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in 1977 to provide computer based services to the Central Government departments for planning and decision support. Since 1985 NIC services were progressively extended to the State and Union Territory Governments and District Administrations to ensure a systematics procedure for information exchange and decision support among various departments/ Ministries of Central Government, State Governments and District Administrations. To facilitate this, NIC has set up four Regional Computer Centres at Delhi, Bhubaneshwar, Pune and Hyderabad, each having a large main-frame Computer. Computers have also been installed in the State capitals. In the District Administrations, Super micro computers have been or are being installed. All these computers are connected *via* satellite to form a computer communication network called NICNET. The Regional Centre at Delhi functions are the central node of the network, where a Master Earth Station has been installed.

The network facilities exchange of information among Central Government, State Government departments and District Administrations. NIC has already installed computer and communications hardware in nearly 400 districts in the country. After studying the information requirement at the district level, NIC has developed 27 general software packages relating to Agriculture, Ground Water, Animal Husbandry. Buildings and Works, Civil Supplies, District Collectorate, Collegiate Education, District Planning, Employment, Fisheries, Health, Irrigation, Industry, Labour Panchayat, Power, Public Instruction, Road and Bridges, Rural Development, SC/ST Development, Social Forestry Social Welfare Town Planning, Transport, Water Authority, District Treasury and MIS for Collector. Many of these packages have already been implemented in several of the districts alongwith the corresponding data bases which enable quick availability of information for planning and decision making.

Percentage of Population below Poverty Line

850. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the percentage of population below poverty-line state-wise?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANTH PRATAP SINGH): A statement in placed hereunder: